Profiteering by Merchants.

133. *MR. S. NARAYANA PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to state whether they have taken any measures to prevent profiteering in paddy, rice and piece-goods by merchants as a result of the situation in the Far East?

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA G. PARAMESWARAN PILLAI: Yes. The member is referred to the answer to question No. 132.

Supply of rice and other foodstuffs.

134. *MR. P. S. MUHAMED: Will the Government be pleased to state the measures they have taken for the supply of rice and other foodstuffs to the people of Travancore in case of failure of supply from outside India?

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA G. PARAMESWARAN PILLAI: The member is referred to the answer to question No. 132.

Rise in prices for commodities.

135. *MR. K. P. KOCHUKORA THARAKAN: Will the Government be pleased to state the measures they have adopted to meet:

(*a*) the rise in prices for commodities such as paddy, rice, kerosene oil, etc., required for Travancore; and

(*b*) the difficulty to obtain them in sufficient quantities even at higher prices?

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA G. PARAMESWARAN PILLAI: The member is referred to the answer to question No. 132.

Arrangements re: supply of certain commodities.

136. *MR. K. P. KOCHUKORA THARAKAN: Will the Government be pleased to state whether, in view of the inordinate rise in prices of commodities such as rice, paddy and kerosene oil, due to war, and the difficulty to obtain them in sufficient quantities even if higher prices are offered, they have imported or arranged to import the said commodities in sufficient quantities to meet the requirements in Travancore?

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA G. PARAMESWARAN PILLAI: The member is referred to the answer to question No. 132.

MR. K. P. KOCHUKORA THARAKAN: നമുക്കു ആവശ്യമുള്ള ആഹാര സാധനങ്ങൾ ഇവിടെത്തന്നെ വിളയിക്കത്തക്കവിധം വല്ല നടപടിയും ഗവണ്മെൻറ് എടുത്തിട്ടുണ്ടോ എന്ന് ദയവായി പറയുമോ?

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA G. PARAMESWARAN PILLAI: അതിനെപ്പറ്റി വേണ്ടവണ്ണം ആലോചിക്കുന്നുണ്ട്.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: May I know whether Government will be pleased to issue orders to receive paddy from the punja cultivators in lieu of the money due to Government by way of tax?

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RAJYASEVAPRAVINA G. PARAMESWARAN PILLAI: That matter is under the active consideration of Government. In regard to one such case, at the instance of a contractor, we have already issued the necessary directions to the Division Peishkar.

MR. KOTTALIL P. ABRAHAM: May I know the nature of the orders issued?

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA G. PARAMESWARAN PILLAI: It will not be quite expedient to announce those measures on the floor of the House. But if the honourable member is desirous of getting information, Government will be only too glad to give him the necessary information.

MR. P. S. MUHAMED: തിരുവിതാംകൂറിൽ ഉണ്ടാകുന്ന നെല്ലുതന്നെ മുഴുവൻ ഇവിടെയുള്ളവർക്ക് കിട്ടത്തക്കവണ്ണം വല്ല വ്യവസ്ഥയും ചെയ്തിട്ടുണ്ടോ.

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA G. PARAMESWARAN PILLAI: Arrangements have been made in that respect.

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